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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CG, AO, PINT, PFOR

SUBJECT: FNLC AND SHABA

BUREAU IS RECEIVING A NUMBER OF REPORTS FROM US INTELLIGENCE  
COMMUNITY AT LARGE AND ELSEWHERE DEALING WITH THE QUESTION  
OF STATE OF PREPAREDNESS OF EX-KATANGA GENDARMES (FNLC)  
AND THE POSSIBILITY OF ANOTHER SHABA INVASION. AS THESE  
ARE ELICITING A HIGHER LEVEL OF ATTENTION AND FOCUS  
CONCERNING THIS QUESTION, WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD ALSO  
LET US HAVE THE BENEFIT OF YOUR LATEST READING OF FNLC  
STRENGTH; FAZ STATE OF PREPAREDNESS; LIKELIHOOD OF ANOTHER  
SHABA INVASION; AND ANY READING ON POSSIBLE TIME FRAME. CHRISTOPHER

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